



# The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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## Summer 2012 Newsletter

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### Upcoming Meetings:

September 14: Experiences of the New Mexico Field Day Gang  
October 12: Tentative Antenna Discussion

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### Highlights from the June Meeting:

This was the annual auction. There were around 45 in attendance. Eight sellers made just under \$400, with over \$250 being donated to the club.

### Ham Radio News:

#### WA5LOU IS NEW INDIANA SECTION MANAGER

The incumbent Indiana Section Manager -- John Poindexter, W3ML, of Knox, who has served as Section Manager since 2009 -- decided not to run for a new term of office. Two radio amateurs vied for the open position, with Lou Everett Sr, WA5LOU, of Indianapolis, being declared the winner with 596 votes. His opponent Brian Jenks, W9BGJ, of Fort Wayne, received 429 votes. Everett has been serving in the Indiana Field Organization as the Indiana Section Traffic Manager, a Net Manger, Official Relay Station and as an Official Observer.

#### VANITY CALL SIGN FEE TO INCREASE SEPTEMBER 4

On August 3, the FCC announced via a Final Rule in the Federal Register that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 80 cents, from \$14.20 to \$15. The new

fees take effect 30 days after publication, making September 4, 2012, the first day the new fee is in effect. Earlier this year, the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM), seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new 10 year term. The first vanity call sign licenses issued under the current Amateur Radio vanity call sign program that began in 1996 came up for renewal six years ago.

## **RAC ANNOUNCES NEW ONTARIO SECTION BOUNDARIES, ABBREVIATIONS**

In March 2012, the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) announced that it would split its Ontario Section into four new Sections "to create a management model that better communicates with, and represents the interests of, the overall Ontario amateur population." The new Section boundaries go into effect as of September 1, 2012.

On August 8, RAC Chief Field Services Officer Doug Mercer, VO1DTM/VO1DM, announced the new Section boundaries, names and abbreviations:

Ontario North (ONN): All of Northwest Ontario, including Manitoulin Island, Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, Killarney, the cities of Greater Sudbury and North Bay and Nipissing District.

Ontario East (ONE): Algonquin Park, Renfrew, Hastings, Prince Edward, Haliburton, Peterborough and Northumberland Counties, and the cities and counties to the east.

Greater Toronto Area (GTA): The City of Toronto and the Regions of Halton (including the City of Burlington), Peel, York and Durham.

Ontario South (ONS): Parry Sound District, the counties of Simcoe, Grey, Bruce, Dufferin, Wellington, the City of Hamilton, the Region of Niagara and the remainder of Southwestern Ontario.

This new change will affect ARRL contests and Field Day. Details may be found on the web at, <http://www.arrl.org/news/rac-announces-new-ontario-section-boundaries-abbreviations>.

## **ARLD033 ITU ASSIGNS NEW PREFIX FOR NIUE: E6A-E6Z**

On August 3, the ITU updated its Table of International Call Sign Series to reflect a call sign change for Niue. The island will now have the entire E6 prefix block. Niue -- an island approximately 1500 miles northeast of New Zealand -- is a self-governing island nation that has been in free association with New Zealand since 1974. Prior to the change, the island used ZK2. According to the CIA World Factbook, Niue is about 1.5 times the size of Washington, DC, and has a population of almost 1300 people.

## **“EXPRESS” GENERAL CLASS STUDY CLASS ANNOUNCED**

If you're interested in upgrading your license to a General Class, there is going to be an “Express” study class meeting on September 17, 19, and 21, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at the IPSC Training Center, 8468 E. 21<sup>st</sup> St., Indianapolis, 46219. Those attending need to have a copy of the ARRL General upgrade manual, either the “Q & A” booklet or the handbook ISBN 978-0-87259-909-9, \$18.00 ARRL price. This manual is good until 2015. Students should read Chapters G1,G2 & G0 before the class begins. They also need to know your Frequencies, especially the General Class upper & lower limits.

Those planning on attending should RSVP to Chuck Crist, W9IH, [indytrax@hotmail.com](mailto:indytrax@hotmail.com)

## **FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER**

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at <http://www.indyradioclub.org/rqstnewsletter.htm>.

## **SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS**

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at [kj9b@arrl.net](mailto:kj9b@arrl.net)

## **Signals from the Past:**

### **From the May-June 1954 Amachewer:**

W9URT, Doc Hunter is now in the process of building a DW with everything. It is a very nice looking Xmtr. It is about 5 feet wide and 7 feet high with a tape recorder mounted on the xmtr.

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## **Upcoming Area Radio Events:**

- August 18: East Central Illinois Hamfest more info at  
[http://vcara.org/hamfest\\_12.pdf](http://vcara.org/hamfest_12.pdf)
- August 19: Lafayette Hamfest more info at  
<http://w9reg.org/hamfest/index.htm>
- August 25: Owen-Monroe Counties Hamfest more info at  
<http://www.owencountyara.org/>
- September 22: Greenfield Hamfest more info at  
<http://www.w9atg.org/?q=node/2>
- October 6: Hoosier Hills (Bedford) Hamfest more info at  
<http://www.w9qyq.org/>

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